

REMARKS

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the foregoing amendments.

Claims 10-16 are now pending in the above-identified patent application, as presented by the instant Preliminary Amendment. All prior (original) claims have been cancelled. Claims 10 and 16 are presented in independent form.

The present application represents the U.S. National Phase of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/AU03/00030, filed January 15, 2003, and claiming foreign priority on the basis of a corresponding Australian patent application, filed January 15, 2002.

By the present amendment, prior Claims 1-9 have been cancelled and substituted by new Claims 10-16, which have been drafted in conformance with U.S. claim practice. U.S. sectional headings have also been entered for the Specification.

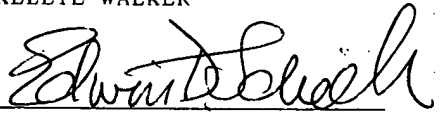
A substitute Abstract of the Disclosure, on a separate sheet of paper, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b), is also enclosed.

The application is now in condition for a full examination on the merits.

Accordingly, an early examination on the merits and allowance are, therefore, respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

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